

COST ACTION 18114 ENTAN – European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network

Call for Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) conference grant applications

For conferences occurring no later than 20 June 2023.

ENTAN – is a COST Action aimed at examining the concept of non-territorial autonomy (NTA). ENTAN particularly focuses on NTA arrangements for reducing inter-ethnic tensions within a state and on the accommodation of the needs of different communities while preventing calls to separate statehood. The main objective is to investigate the existing NTA mechanisms and policies and to develop new modalities for the accommodation of differences in the context of growing challenges stemming from globalisation, regionalisation and European supranational integration. The network fosters interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary group work, and provides for training and empowerment of young researchers, academic conferences and publications, as well as for the dissemination of results to policymakers, civil society organisations and communities.

ENTAN will provide for 1 ITC conference grant under this call.



PURPOSE OF AN INCLUSIVENESS TARGET COUNTRIES (ITC) CONFERENCE GRANTS:

The grants are exclusively reserved for applicants making an oral/poster conference presentation and are listed in the official event/conference programme. The main subject of the oral presentation/poster presentation/speech at the approved conference needs to be closely related to the topic and objectives of ENTAN and to acknowledge COST.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Conference grants are aimed at supporting PhD students and young researchers and investigators (YRI) under the age of 40 who have a primary affiliation in an institution located in one of the COST inclusiveness target countries (ITC) or near neighbor countries (NNC) to attend any international conference on NTA related topics not specifically organised by ENTAN.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

The following funding conditions apply and must be respected:

1. Up to a maximum of EUR 2000 in total can be afforded to each successful ITC applicant for attending an event/conference on site;
2. Up to a maximum of EUR 500 in total can be afforded to each successful ITC applicant for participation in a virtual event/conference.
3. The amount awarded shall be based on estimation of reasonable costs depending on the country where the event/conference takes place, as well as the conference registration fees to be incurred by the selected grantee. COST rules on **daily allowance** can be an indicative criterion.

A conference grant is a fixed financial contribution which takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the application. Conference grants do not necessarily cover all of the expenses related to participating in a given conference. A conference grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation, meal expenses and conference registration fees of the selected grantee. In addition, when meal and accommodation expenses or registrations fees are supported by the hosting institution as part of the provisions offered in their conference package, the amount afforded to each eligible participant must be deducted from the grant.



DEADLINE: OPEN CALL

Apply at any time by following the instructions below.

There is no specific deadline, applications can be submitted at any time, whereas grant decisions are normally announced within 30 days after submission. Grants are awarded on a first come first served basis.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Applicants should read carefully the funding rules detailed in the [COST Annotated Rules](#).
2. Applicants need to have their e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu> and submit their application by selecting “Grant Applications” and then “Apply for Grant”.
3. The applicant shall fill in the following information in the e-COST system:
 - ▶ Title of the presentation;
 - ▶ Conference title, date (no later than 20 June 2023) and country;
 - ▶ Budget requested;
 - ▶ Attendance type (face to face or virtual).
4. The applicant shall upload the following documents into the e-COST system:
 - ▶ Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Relevance of the conference topic to the Action, and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant’s career;
 - ▶ Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation;
 - ▶ Acceptance letter from the conference organisers;
 - ▶ A CV including a list of academic publications – if applicable (max. 3 pages).



EVALUATION:

The applications will be assessed by the Grant Awarding Committee of ENTAN and successful applicants will be notified within 30 days after submitting the application. The committee will evaluate applications according to budget, possible contribution that the proposed conference participation will make towards the scientific objectives of ENTAN (as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding - [MoU](#)), and the individual candidate’s career.



REQUIREMENTS:

Successful grantees are required to submit a **scientific report** and **supporting documents**. Payment of the grant is subject to the submitted scientific report and supporting documents being approved by the Grant Awarding Coordinator.

The grantee shall upload to e-COST the following documents:

- ▶ Scientific report on the outcome of the presentation of the accepted contribution, in terms of the grantee's visibility, including the establishment of new contacts for future collaborations,
- ▶ The certificate of attendance,
- ▶ The programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the presentation (oral or poster) of the grantee,
- ▶ Copy of the given presentation (oral or poster).

The applicant is also responsible for acquiring an official acceptance letter/email confirmation of acceptance from the conference organisers.

In addition to the scientific report, successful applicants should submit to the Grant Manager (by registered mail) the following **supporting documents**:

1. **One original certificate of taxpayer status i.e. residence form for 2023** from your country of residence (to be used for tax exemption benefits under bilateral double taxation agreement with North Macedonia). Each country has a slightly different form to confirm your residence/taxpayer status but it is usually issued both in English and in the official language of the country. Please ask for an English or bilingual version. The original of the form should be signed and stamped by the respective authority in your country (e.g. local Public Revenue Office, Tax Inspectorate or Ministry). The certificate needs to be issued on the basis of the bilateral double taxation agreement between your country of residence and North Macedonia.
2. **A full-colour scan of the main page of your passport** which exhibits your name and surname and passport number.
3. **Scanned copy of invoices, receipts, bills, tickets and other proofs of payments for all types of costs**, including for hotel accommodation, travel, meals, and paid conference fees.
4. **Signed grant agreement** with the Grant Holder Institution.

The grant shall be terminated unless the certificate of taxpayer status/residence form for 2023 is delivered to the grant holder manager **before** the start date of the ITC grant!

Failure to submit the scientific report and the supporting documents within 15 days after the end of the grant agreement period will effectively cancel the grant.

Should you have any questions regarding the supporting documents, please contact the Grant Holder Manager Stefan Noshpal at: entan@ucas.edu.mk

The grant is payable up to 30 days after the grantee report and supporting documents have been approved by the Grant Awarding Coordinator.

Please note that the COST Association and Action's Grant Holder can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by ITC applicants.

Useful link: <https://entan.org>

Please contact the Grant Awarding Coordinator Dr Ljubica Djordjevic-Vidojkovic via email if any queries relating to ITC grants occur: djordjevic@ecmi.de